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COMMENT OF THE DAY

Greece Working Overtime

IN the United Nations the Greek Government are working overtime pressing their claim to the island of Cyprus. The preliminaries have been going on for months past with the object of getting the subject on the U.N. agenda. This has been achieved through eleven abstentions in the voting and Britain has made it clear that she will boycott the debate. The supporters are as vocal as the claim is preposterous. Unfortunately the controversy has been clouded over by the decision of the Colonial Office forbidding the free expression of political opinion in the island, but this decision must not be allowed to obscure Britain's case and the many weaknesses of the Greek claim. It should be remembered that Cyprus has never been joined to Greece, although for three centuries both the island and Greece formed part of the Ottoman Empire. It certainly cannot be said that the Cypriots are unanimous in their demands for union with the mainland. Archbishop Makarios, who led the agitation, may have found support, but this is far from being unanimous. There are nearly 100,000 Turks or about one-fifth of the island's population who will, in fact, have already opposed the idea of a union. It is ridiculous to think that they should be handed over to Greece without consultation and that is what Greece is demanding.

SUCH a suggestion is unthinkable and contrary to British traditions in dealing with her colonies. Any claim that Cyprus would benefit from a transfer of sovereignty is out of the question and the inhabitants would quickly come to regret it. Britain exports about half of the Cyprus imports and is spending the money which is bringing prosperity to the island. The standard of living would most certainly drop if Greece were to take over, as her own standards at the present time are not high and the country is far from rich. In time the island will have self-government, but the course must be run slowly. There is a question which might prove awkward for the Greeks. Why not put the subject of Macedonia on the agenda for investigation? The Macedonians have long sought freedom from the "Greek yoke". To do so would be meddling in the internal affairs of a country and is, therefore, preposterous, but that is exactly what Greece is doing over Cyprus.

3 New China Mail Features

The China Mail brings you three new features in the coming week including two for the sportsman.

Stan McCabe, one of the greatest Test batsmen Australia has produced, thinks the coming struggle for the Ashes, down under will be a close one, but he insists that Australia will win.

The first of a series of three articles explaining his reasons will appear in this Saturday's China Mail. The other two will appear on Tuesday.

NEW FEATURE NO. 3: On Saturday the China Mail begins this year's most sensational thriller one story written by FIVE BEST-SELLING BRITISH AUTHORS. A different author takes up the story each day, while the other four follow without discussing developments of plot with his predecessor. There's a twist in the tale.

SPORTS SEQUENCE SINISTER: The Saturday Mail continues its new series "World's Strongest Athlete" with the story of the career of Sir John Franklin's winner in the frozen northwest.

James Temple in Lark and his wife, Jean, are seen and heard in much about this week's China Mail. The story of the Temple family is a very interesting one.

BONN, PARIS REBUFF TO MOLOTOV

West German Bundestag Backs London Agreement

Moslem Leader Seized In Egypt

Cairo, Oct. 8. Hassan Hodeiby, Supreme Guide of the Moslem Brotherhood, has been arrested, police announced early today.

Police said his arrest followed the circulation of signed leaflets inciting the people against the Government.

Dr Hodeiby, strongest single critic of the regime of Colonel Gamal Abdel Nasser, has accused the Government of "appearing" Israel and threatened to sabotage the Anglo-Egyptian agreement on the Suez Canal base.

Lieutenant Colonel Anwar Sadat, Minister of State, said last month that the Government could arrest Dr Hodeiby at any time, but did not want to give him a chance of becoming "a hero and a martyr."

Dr Hodeiby two weeks ago survived an attempt to oust him from his position as Supreme Guide. Rival factions clashed at a meeting on September 23, held to discuss constitutional changes, but compromised by deciding to retain him as their chief while at the same time seeking better relations with the Government.—Reuters.

MAJORITY APPROVAL EXPECTED IN FRANCE

London, Oct. 7. Despite the hint of the Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr Molotov, yesterday that Russia may seek reunification of Germany soon — a move regarded in London and Washington aimed at disrupting the London nine-nation agreement to rearm Western Germany — the West German Lower House endorsed the statement made by the Chancellor, Dr Konrad Adenauer, in defence of the London agreement.

And in Paris, the French Prime Minister, M. Mendes-France seemed assured of a substantial favourable vote in the National Assembly for French participation in the London plan to include Germany in the Atlantic Alliance.

London observers said they regarded the prevailing sentiment in both Bonn and Paris as a rebuff to the new Soviet approach.

In Bonn—The West German Bundestag (Lower House), endorsed the statement made by Dr Konrad Adenauer in defence of the London agreement and referred to committee a Social Democratic motion calling for four-power talks on German unity as an alternative to the agreement.

After a heated 11-hour debate, deputies voted by a show of hands in favour of a motion tabled by the four Government parties approving Dr Adenauer's statement.

Earlier Dr Adenauer defended the London agreement on the grounds of the Federal Republic in face of lively criticism from the Socialist opposition.

FREEDOM FOR 50 MILLIONS
He spoke after Herr Erich Ollenhauer, the Social Democratic leader, had called for four-power talks with Russia as an alternative to the London agreement.

Asking whether there was no chance the opposition might revise its views, Dr Adenauer declared: "Let us get the occupation regime behind us so that fifty million good, hard working people may finally get their freedom. Surely that is something big."

Dr Adenauer did not agree with Herr Ollenhauer that world tension had lessened since Korea. The tenuous settlements in Korea and Indo-China, the renewed hostilities off the coast of Formosa and the immense arms construction programmes on all sides were proof of this.

"As long as I have had the honour to conduct affairs, I have never been so anxious about our fate as in the time since the middle of August," he said. "Since that date, there has been the grave danger that the United States might abandon us."

Hongkong Must Stay British

Says Governor

Cambridge, Mass., Oct. 7. The Governor of Hongkong, Sir Alexander Grantham, said tonight there would be "extremely serious repercussions in Southeast Asia" if Britain gave up the Colony.

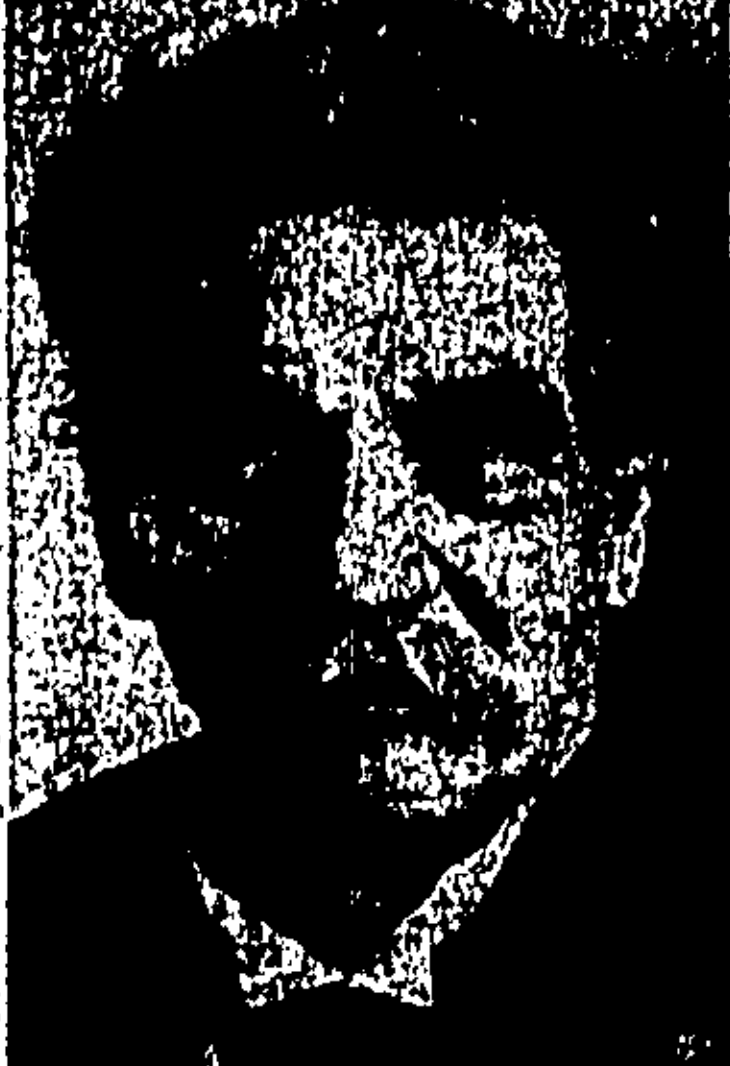
He said "freedom is the keynote of Hongkong." The embargo on trade with Communist China imposed by the United Nations and the United States had had a serious effect on the Colony.

"Her total trade declined by one-third and her trade with the United States to one-quarter of what it was," Sir Alexander said. "This has created serious problems."

Due to its geographic situation, China was Hongkong's main "natural" trading partner. Sir Alexander said that housing was so short in the Colony that it would be a relief to the Colony if a million people would return to China. But they will not go because they prefer free Hongkong to Red China," he said. "The people of Hongkong are satisfied with the form of government and do not want to change."

Although there was no Communist Party in Hongkong, Sir Alexander said, it was essential to determine how many Communists there were. The Government, he said, was determined to maintain the status quo.

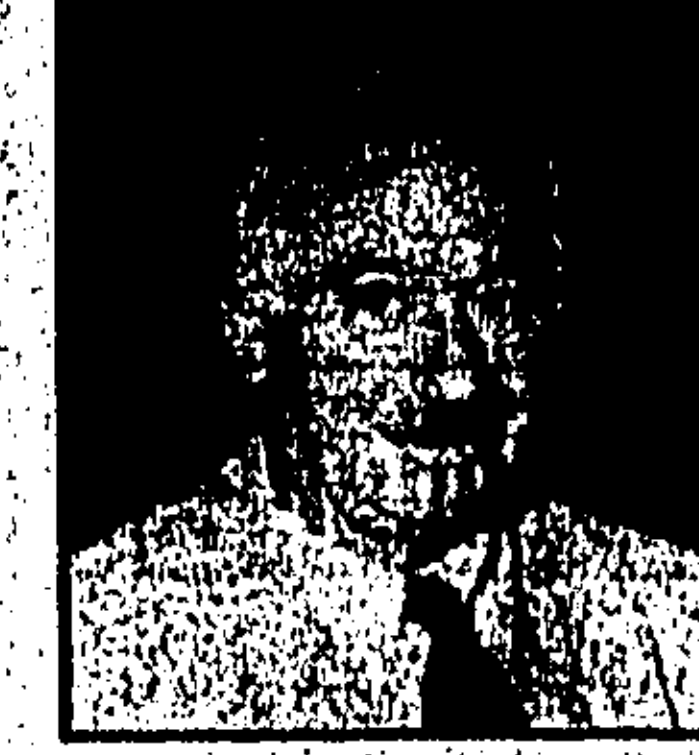
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PROFESSOR EINSTEIN

Yesterday someone phoned up the China Mail to say that Professor Einstein was in town. A Staff reporter cleared up the mystery when he found that the "Professor" was in fact a striking American travel expert, Mr Walter Plaut who bore a striking resemblance to Einstein. During his world travels Mr Plaut has also been mistaken for former N.B.C. Symphony Orchestra conductor, Arturo Toscanini and Nobel Prize winner Albert Schweitzer. These four photos show you how easy it would be to make that mistake.

Desperado Killed In Gun Battle

New York, Oct. 7.

A gunman crazed by narcotics fought off more than 100 policemen for almost an hour from an apartment house today in a gun battle which endangered the lives of hundreds.

The desperado, Robert Ricks, a 47-year-old Negro chef employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad, opened fire on the police without provocation and was killed after 12 bullets had entered his head and body.

More than 100 bullets were sent whirling through the crowded apartment and down outside air shafts as he fought on a sixth floor landing.

In the last desperate rush on Ricks, police appeared from three apartment doors facing the landing and cut him down before he could get a hand on his .38 calibre revolver.

He was carried from the building in the Harlem sector of New York, alive, but died soon after in a hospital.

Ricks, who has a police record for narcotics violations and for carrying a gun, had started the fight by opening fire without warning on two detectives after mumbled, "I'm on the dope."

Another Saucer "Being" Seen In France

Chaumont, Oct. 7.

A road worker reported today having seen one of the occupants of a "flying saucer" dressed in a "hair-covered" cloak.

Andre Marcy, 48, of Mertrud (Haute-Marne), said that he first saw the "being" in the cloak. Marcy said that when he talked to the "being" it turned and entered the "saucer" which rose vertically.

Marcy said the machine was spherical in form, and about 30 feet in diameter. Underneath the machine was a sort of a spindle, which rose and fell.

A flame shot from the spindle and the machine took off. He said that he told his fellow workmen about the incident, and two of them returned with him to the site. All three said they found that the grass had turned slightly milky-coloured, and there were round imprints of small legs where the machine had stood.—France-Press.

MENDES-FRANCE NAMED IN SPY SCANDAL

'Defence Secrets Went To Him Before He Became Premier'

Paris, Oct. 7.

An arrested government official claimed today that some of the secrets stolen from France's National Defence Council were destined for M. Pierre Mendes-France before he became Premier.

Authorised sources said the allegations were made by Jean Turpin, former member of the Defence Council Secretariat who has been charged with violating State security in revealing information from the Council's meeting.

Turpin told a military tribunal investigating the scandal that a transcript of the Council's meeting on May 26 went through his Secretariat colleague, Roger Labrousse, to M. Mendes-France. Labrousse also has been arrested in the spy investigation.

Turpin claimed Labrousse told him the transcript of the meeting was given to Emmanuel d'Astier de la Vigier, director of the Communist-line newspaper liberation, who allegedly passed it to Mendes-France.

Turpin was understood to have told the tribunal that he wanted peace in Indo-China. So did Labrousse. This was why the two officials passed on defence secrets to various people.

He alleged that the common desire for an Indo-Chinese settlement also brought de la Vigier and M. Mendes-France into the picture.

The Communist-line Liberation prior to the Geneva conference was a leader among the Paris morning press in the drive for an Indo-China peace. Before he assumed power on June 18, M. Mendes-France was in the forefront of National Assembly Deputies demanding a peace settlement.

De la Vigier was formerly the employer of a key figure in the spy case, Andre Baranes, a Communist newspaperman who testified that he gave top military secrets to the Communist leader, Jacques Duclos.

Duclos, in turn, has alleged that the United States rather than his Party was behind the spying on France's defence secrets. The investigating military tribunal questioned Turpin all morning, and then began hearing his suspended superior, the Council Secretary, Jean Mons, who has been indicted for "imprudence and negligence."

Typhoon Nancy May Pass 150 Miles South

STRONG WINDS LIKELY IN HONGKONG

If Typhoon "Nancy" continues on her present course for the next 24 hours, it will pass about 150 to 200 miles south of Hongkong tomorrow evening creating strong winds in the Colony.

Mr G.S.P. Heywood, Director of the Royal Observatory, in a statement to the China Mail this morning "Early this morning, Typhoon Nancy was centred over the east coast of North Luzon moving west by north at 14 knots."

Winds at the centre are estimated to have reached 85 knots.

"The typhoon is now crossing North Luzon and is expected to enter the China Sea this evening."

The present indications are that it will continue to move westward across the China Sea, passing about 150 or 200 miles to the south of Hongkong tomorrow evening, and producing strong, easterly winds here.

There is, however, a possibility that gales may occur in the Colony should the typhoon take a slightly more northerly course."

Typhoon Ida passed 80 miles to the south of Hongkong on August 20.

Mach 1 In Level Flight

Britain Does It Again!

London, Oct. 7.

The second British plane capable of exceeding the speed of sound in level flight, made its first flight yesterday from the Ministry of Supply's experimental airfield at Boscombe Down, Wiltshire.

The plane is a single-engine, conventional, entirely of metal, with a swept-back wing. It is powered by a Rolls-Royce Avon turbo-jet engine.

Mr N. Rowntree Dead

London, Oct. 7.

Mr N. Rowntree, 72, of 11, St. James's Place, London, died yesterday of a heart attack.

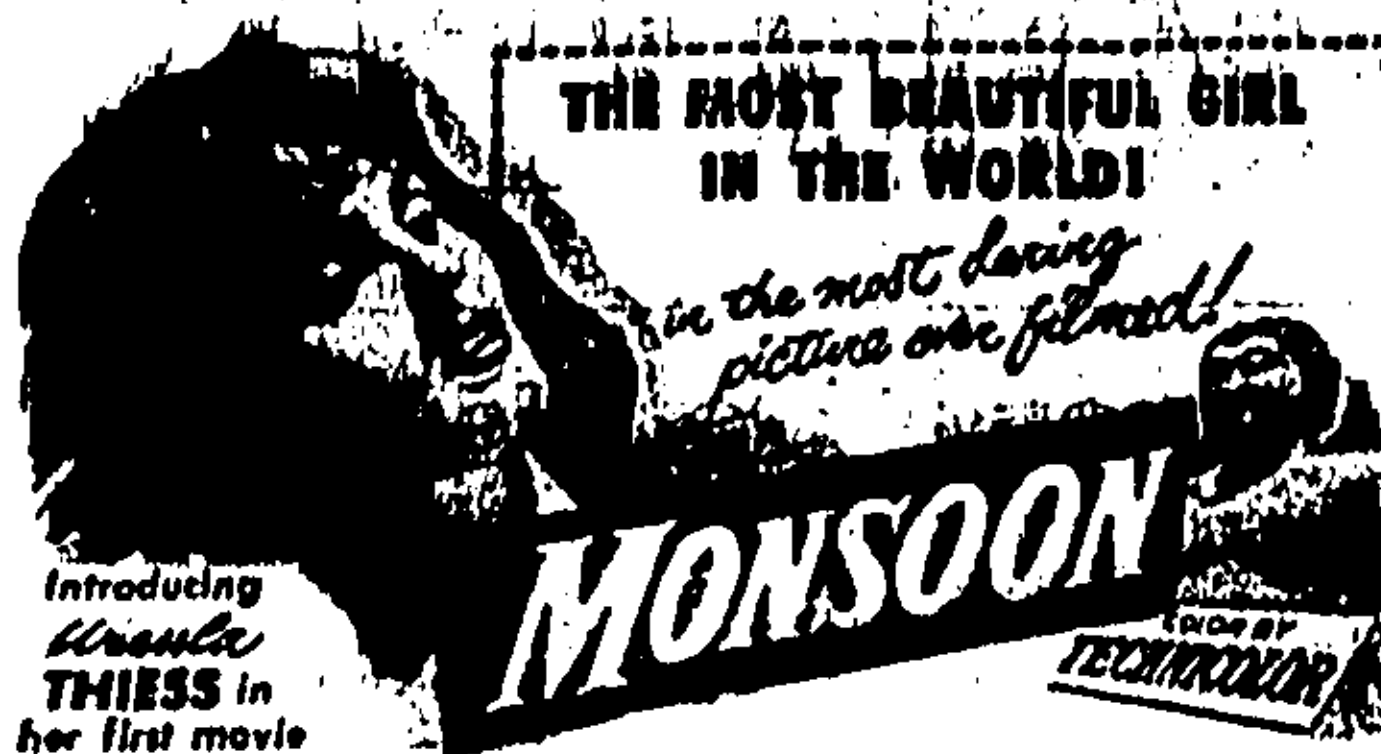
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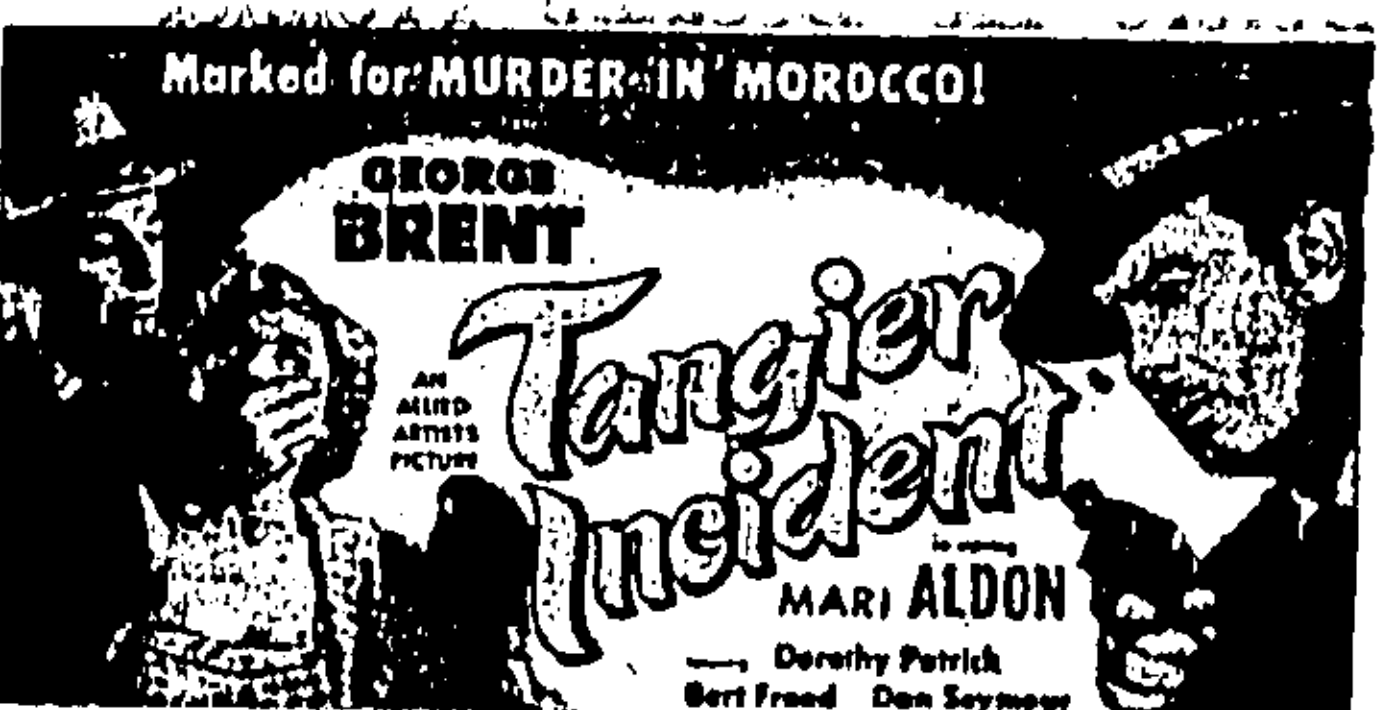
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THREAT OF RICE CLUT

Asian Countries Not Impressed With American Proposals

DISPOSAL OF SURPLUSES

Ottawa, Oct. 7.

The rice producing nations of South and Southeast Asia have now overcome the world shortage of rice and are faced by the serious threat of a rice glut, the Colombo plan conference heard today.

An official conference source said the United States proposals for disposal of its grain surpluses in Asia as a form of foreign aid had therefore received only lukewarm reception from the prospective Asian recipients.

The 16-nation Colombo plan conference now in its fourth day, heard that reports throughout Asia showed that the food supply of the area was continuing to improve with a rice crop higher than the record level of 1953. Total production amounted to 106 million metric tons.

SURPLUSES

Although the international trade in rice had improved in the first half of 1954, the exportable surpluses were still far larger than prospective imports.

The Colombo plan's programme for more efficient crop production was likely to stimulate the growth of these surpluses, conference delegates were told.

Mr. Harold Stassen, United States Foreign Operations Administrator, decided to delay explaining the United States plan for sending surplus commodities to Asia until tomorrow, reportedly when he heard of today's report.

Mr. Samuel Waugh, the United States Assistant Secretary of State for Economic Affairs, told the delegates that farm surpluses confronted the United States with a problem of great magnitude and mentioned a programme "for the orderly disposition of surpluses."

This programme, the details of which Mr. Stassen was expected to give tomorrow, provided for the sale of United States crops to Asian countries. These crops would be paid for in local currency which the United States would lend back to the countries for re-investment in their own development projects and import financing.

IKE'S PLAN

This was to be part of President Eisenhower's plan for overseas disposal of \$700 million worth of farm surpluses.

Mr. Waugh said this would help to long-term financing for the import of consumer goods. "We want to avoid disrupting normal markets or depressing world prices," Mr. Waugh said. "We believe that the two of the truly constructive uses to which these surplus commodities can be put is to increase consumption and to promote economic development."

It was learned that the Philippines observer at the conference

had requested an interview tomorrow with Mr. Walter Harris, Canada's Finance Minister, who is Chairman of the meeting.

Rumours were persistent that the Philippines is the only non-Communist nation in the region not a member of the Colombo plan, would request early membership.

CAREFUL STUDY

The Marquess of Reading, British Minister of State, said later that the United States plan "will need very careful study."

"We expect Mr. Stassen to expand on this subject and I would like to reserve comment until I know more about it."

(American plans to dispose of millions of dollars worth of wheat, dairy and other surplus farm products have aroused strong opposition in Canada, Australia and New Zealand on the ground that they would destroy their traditional markets.)

Lord Reading praised the countries such as India, Pakistan, Ceylon, Burma and others who had done so much to improve their lot, both under the plan and outside it. "But," he said, "there is no doubt that when the Colombo plan runs through its six-year period in 1957, that some form of development of this kind has to go on. That is obvious."—Reuter.

NO COMMENT ON CHINA BOMBING

Washington, Oct. 7.

The State Department spokesman today refused to comment on rumours that the United States had asked the Chinese Nationalists to stop bombing the Communist held mainland.

Earlier, press reports here said the United States had suggested this to Nationalist China several days ago.

This request was described as being in accordance with the United States policy of giving General Chiang Kai-shek every assistance and encouragement in defence, but discouraging him from other operations.—Reuter.



Outside Westminster Abbey, London, are Chief Aishi Dodo of Gowa; Chief Saba, Sultan of Musiri; Luvell Paul Norbert of Miami; Chief Sylvanus Kaka of the Meru; and Chief Leukuti Sefania Sumley Molei of Arusha, a party of five chiefs from Tanganyika who are concluding their six weeks' official visit to Britain with a ten-day stay in London.—Express Photo.

Central African Federation 'Going Well'

London, Oct. 7.

Sir Gilbert Rennie today put the question: "How goes the new Central African Federation?" and answered: "All things considered, very well."

The High Commissioner was summing up the first year of the Federation's life—the anniversary is on October 23—at a joint meeting of the Royal Empire Society and the Royal African Society.

He said the "prophecy of gloom" had been proved wrong in their forebodings of racial troubles, resulting from the establishment of the 500,000 square-mile federation.

PEACEFUL YEAR

"The year has passed peacefully," he added. Those who hoped they would be able to establish conditions in which both Europeans and Africans would be able to advance their standards of living, had been encouraged in their expectations.

"It would be wrong to say at present that race relations have improved as a result of Federation," Sir Gilbert Rennie continued. "That would be a premature statement."

"Basic improvement must depend upon the extent to which Africans can make educational and economic progress and be helped up the ladder of civilisation and also upon a change in the attitude of many Europeans towards them."

MIGRANTS

The policy of the Federal Government was to encourage the maximum number of immigrants that could be absorbed. This had to be done, however, because of the shortage of schools, hospitals and transport facilities.

The first year's work of the Federation showed useful achievements already in the economic field. A comprehensive development plan had been prepared for the three years ending June 30, 1957 with an estimated expenditure of over £270,000,000. This included more than £30,000,000 on transport and communications, £27,000,000 on electric power, £15,000,000 on housing, education and health, and £8,000,000 on the building of hospitals and schools.—China Mail Special.

NEW HUSTLE STARTS AT 'ATOM FACTORY'

Oct. 7.

Important work on the industrial use of atomic energy is being stepped up at Harwell, Britain's main centre of atomic research, on the Berkshire Downs.

This follows the recent addition to the vast amount of equipment in Harwell's laboratories of Dimple and Zephyr—two atomic reactors. Dimple has been installed only a few weeks. Each machine cost several million pounds.

TOO EXPENSIVE

Reactors are "atomic furnaces" which use uranium as fuel instead of coal. When nuclear fission takes place inside the reactor, the great heat produced is drawn off to make steam to drive conventional electric generators.

In their present stage of development, reactors are too expensive and too heavy. The experiments are being carried out at Harwell, the Atomic Energy Research Establishment, which is situated near Oxford, and at the Atomic Energy Research Establishment, near Harwell.

Sir David Eccles, Minister of Works, said in the Commons last March that nuclear reactors would be "paying their way" within ten years. It would be just in time to take over from Britain's dwindling coal resources.—(London Express Service.)

Indonesia Allocates Money For Imports

Djakarta, Oct. 7.

The Indonesian Government has authorised 1,035,000,000 rupiah as an allocation for the import of commodities. It was officially learned here today.

The division of the allocation will be done "in a very discriminatory manner," the source said. Meanwhile, it was officially learned that the Government intends reorganising the Import Bureau by exercising a stricter supervision in foreign exchange. To curb the undesirable practice, the Ministry of Economics will himself decide to which firms the allocations will be given.—France-Press.

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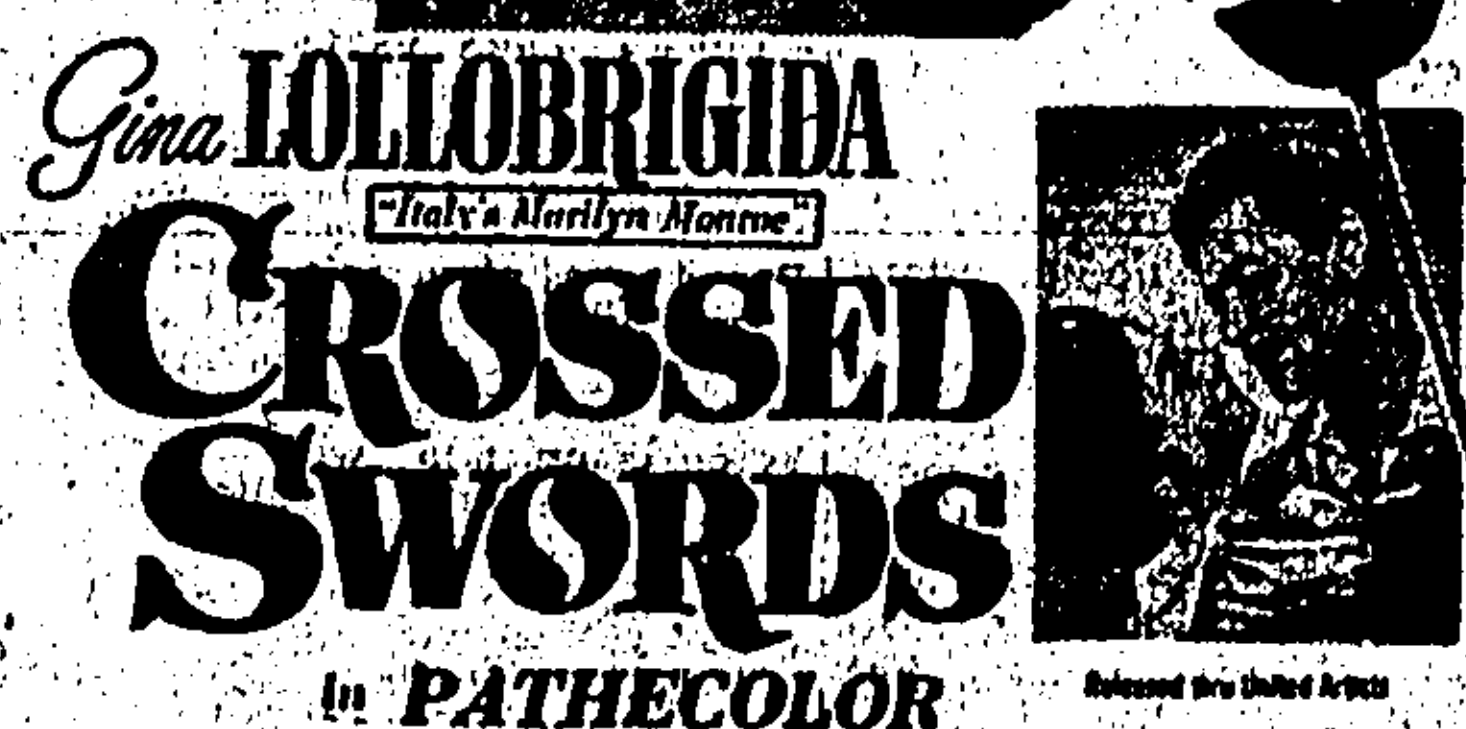


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Bubble Gum Led
To Arrest

Wellington, N. Z., Oct. 7. A new traffic misdemeanour for New Zealand was officially recorded this week.

A traffic policeman on the Napier-Hobart highway said he noticed a small car alight of him swerving from one side of the road to the other.

He brought the car to a stop and the driver explained: "I was chewing bubble gum and whenever I blew a bubble my girl friend tried to break it."

—China Mail Special.

BRUSSELS PACT

New Protocols
Being
Drafted

London, Oct. 7. The French Ambassador to Britain, M. René Massigli, presided over the first meeting here of the working group of the Brussels Pact Organisation which is to draft new protocols admitting Italy and West Germany to membership.

Besides amending the existing Brussels Treaty Text to provide for the admissions of Italy and West Germany, the London Working Group is also charged with working out a constitution for the Brussels Pact Council of Ministers, which is to have real power to control armaments of continental members.

The work of the London Group due to be completed by Oct. 21 in time for a further nine-power ministerial conference in Paris is parallel to that of a Paris-Brussels Pact Working Group on armament control. This and a similar NATO Group started work yesterday.

NEW TALKS

The last of the official groups which are to prepare for the new set of ministerial talks opening in Paris in a fortnight's time to get down to work is the four-power group on West German sovereignty.

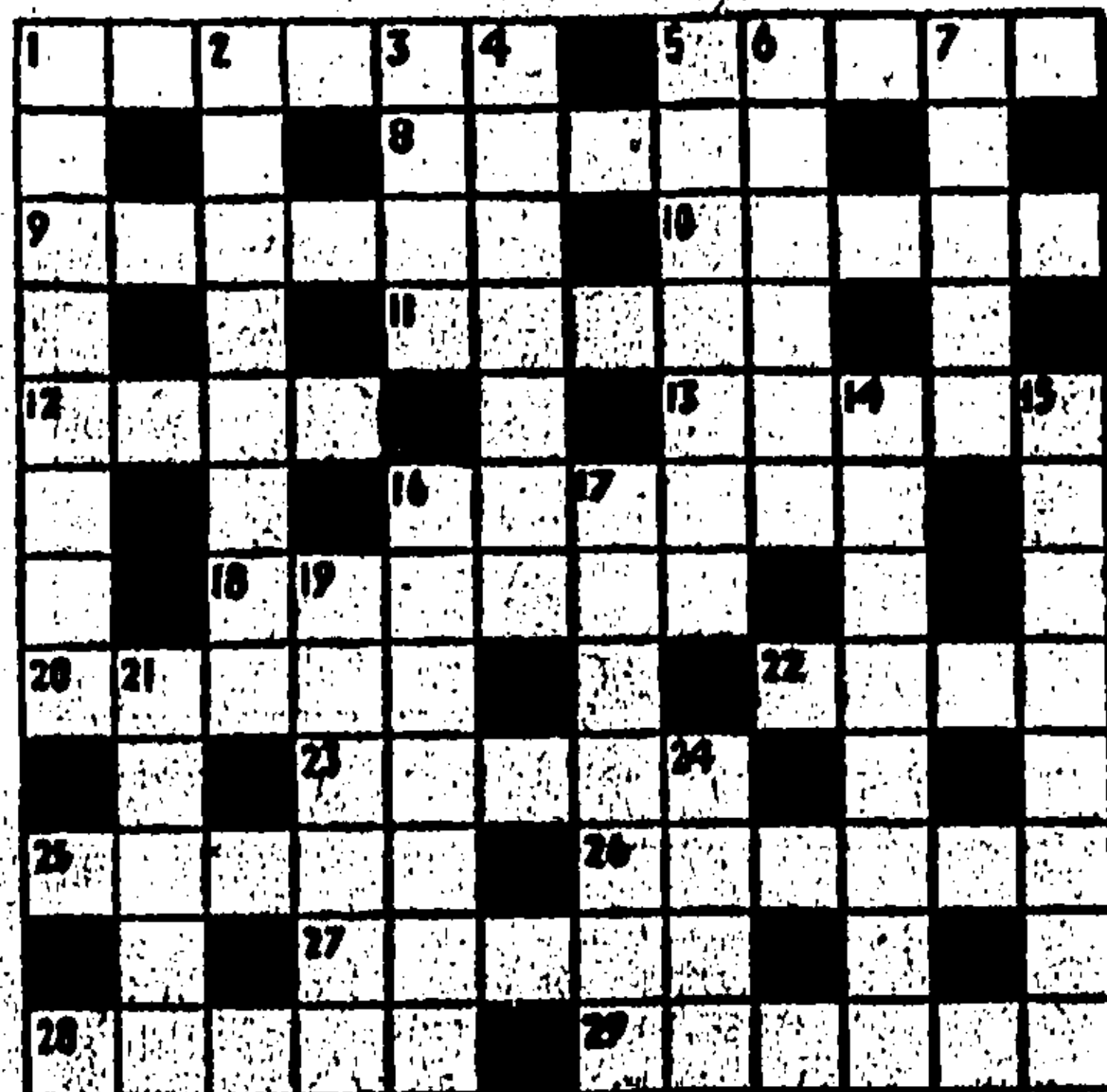
This will start discussions tomorrow in Bonn.

A communiqué issued by the Secretary-General of the Brussels Treaty Permanent Commission after today's session said that the next meeting of the working group would be held on Monday.—Reuter.

French Population
Increases

Paris, Oct. 7. A census taken by the National Institute of Statistics and Economic Study, last May, revealed that the population of France has increased by 5.61 per cent since 1940, and now numbers 42,774,000.—France-Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

1. Quiver (6).
2. Cosmetic (5).
3. Allude (6).
4. Display (6).
10. Claw (5).
11. Recluse (5).
12. Cheerful song (4).
13. Majestic (5).
14. Modest (6).
15. Chase (5).
20. View (5).
21. Acquire (4).
22. Regulate (5).
23. Lickeworm (5).
24. Merited (6).
27. Prophets (6).
28. Avast (6).
29. Partisan (6).

DOWN

1. Undragged (5).
2. Outer covering (8).
3. Spoken (4).
4. Experiences anew (7).
5. Train (7).
6. Speaker (6).
7. Glimpses head (5).
14. Novice (8).
15. Goes off with a bang (8).
16. Feared (7).
17. Mumbled (7).
19. Foolish (6).
21. Applaud with shouts (6).
24. Girdle (4).

ANSWERS TO CROSSWORD PUZZLE: Across: 1. Quiver, 2. Cosmetic, 3. Allude, 4. Display, 10. Claw, 11. Recluse, 12. Cheerful song, 13. Majestic, 14. Modest, 15. Chase, 20. View, 21. Acquire, 22. Regulate, 23. Lickeworm, 24. Merited, 27. Prophets, 28. Avast, 29. Partisan. Down: 1. Undragged, 2. Outer covering, 3. Spoken, 4. Experiences anew, 5. Train, 6. Speaker, 7. Glimpses head, 14. Novice, 15. Goes off with a bang, 16. Feared, 17. Mumbled, 19. Foolish, 21. Applaud with shouts, 24. Girdle.

Alleged Kidnapping By Starr Brothers

GERMAN CIVILIAN CRIED FOR HELP NEAR BERLIN POST

Berlin, Oct. 7.

Major-General George Honnen, United States Commandant in Berlin, said in a note to the Soviet authorities today that a German citizen had been kidnapped from West Berlin by two Americans.

The Americans, General Honnen said, were the brothers James and Henry William Starr, who appeared to the East German authorities for political asylum and appeared at a press conference in East Berlin last Monday.

General Honnen said the German citizen, Herr Neugebauer, had left the American sector of Berlin on the same day as the Starr brothers were said to have left.

An American spokesman said United States authorities had been informed of West Berlin police investigations into the Neugebauer case. On this basis General Honnen sent his note to

Major-General D. A. Dibrowa, Soviet Military Commandant in Berlin.

General Honnen said: "Information has now come to my attention which clearly points to the conclusion that Neugebauer did not leave the United States sector of Berlin on September 7 of his own free will and without but rather was abducted and further that the chief agents in this abduction were the Starr brothers."

On Monday Professor Albert Norden, Secretary of State in the East German Government, had introduced the Starr brothers to the press and described them as "political refugees."

He had told the press that Neugebauer had left his residence in the American sector and gone to the Soviet zone.

IN RESTAURANT

The American spokesman said that Neugebauer was seen with the Starr brothers eating in a West Berlin restaurant on September 7 only 20 minutes before the latter drove by car to the Soviet zone.

A German motorcyclist later claimed that he had seen the three men on the Berlin highway, and that he had heard Neugebauer screaming "Help! I am being kidnapped," just before reaching the Allied control post of Dreilinden.—Reuter & France-Press.

Irish Guards Band Stranded

Ottawa, Oct. 7.

The Canadian Army is providing board, lodging and transport for the band of the Irish Guards because their concert tour of the United States has collapsed, an Army spokesman said here today.

He said the Canadian National Exhibition in Toronto which engaged the band to play for it in August and September, had paid its fares to, and from Britain.

The band had arranged to follow its Toronto engagement with an American tour but the arrangement fell through and it appealed to the Canadian Army for help until it sailed from Montreal on October 10.

PICKED UP

On October 6, the band was "picked up" at Windsor, Ontario, the spokesman said. It had later given free concerts for troops, and the public at Camp Borden and Montreal.

He added that the Canadian Army was not taking advantage of the fact that the band had been stranded. The Army "provided free transport, food and lodging and the band was free to give the concerts or not."

The Toronto Telegram said today that the promoter of the band's American tour had run out of money and the band director, Captain C. H. Jagger had arranged through British and Canadian Army Staffs in Washington, for the band to cross from Toledo, Ohio, to Montreal on October 10.

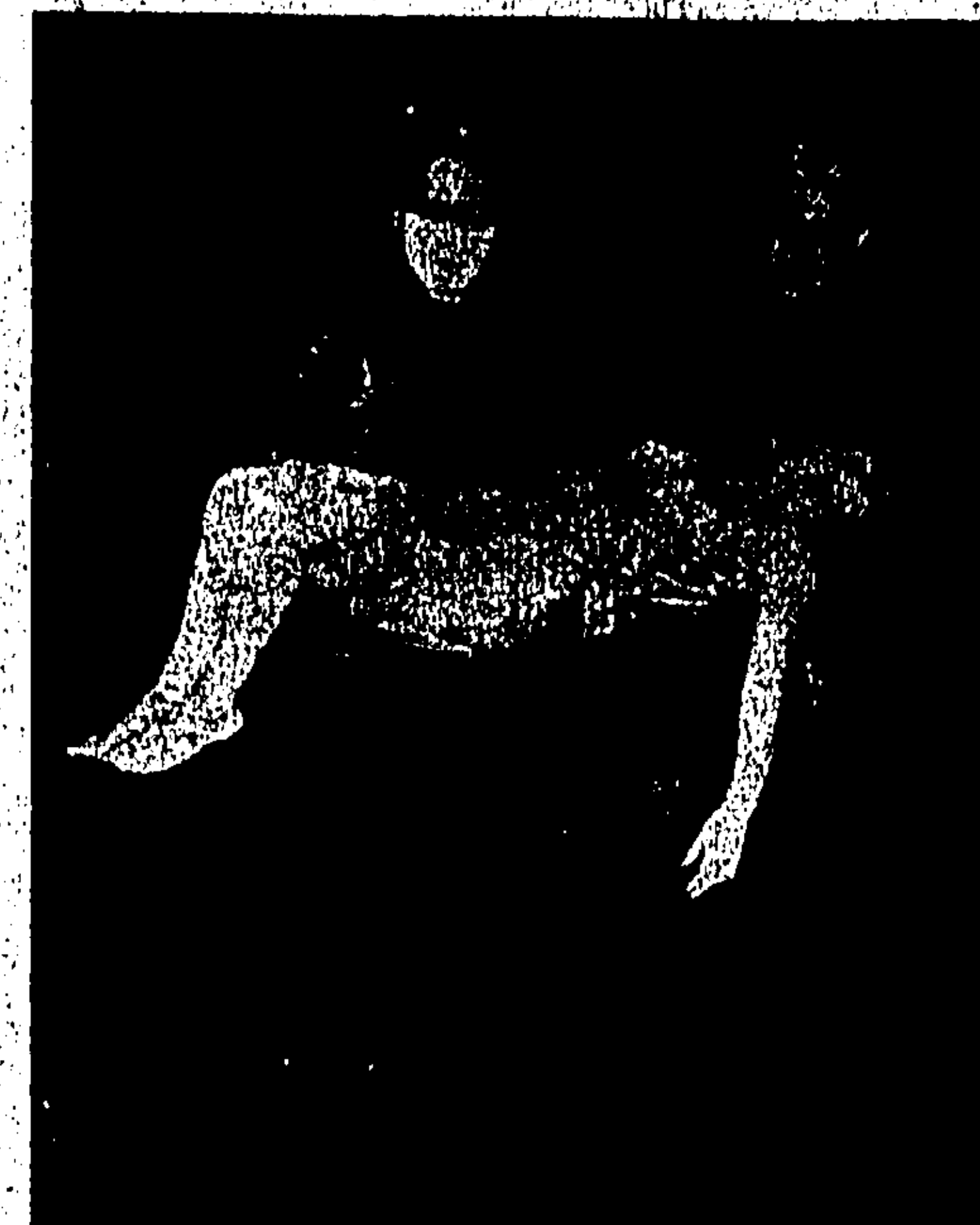
—China Mail Special.

THIS HARE HAS LEARNED TO BE A MEAT-EATER

Oct. 7.

A tame, hand-reared young hare given to the Zoo a few weeks ago by a New South Wales woman seems likely to make a record as the first meat-eating hare known to the Zoological Society.

The hare, of day has come to the Zoo as a result of an unusual incident. It was found by a woman who was walking in a park near the Zoo and was taken to the Zoo.



A dramatic rescue scene? Yes, in a way. It is one of the episodes in a new film starring Corinne Calvet, the French actress. Here she has been rescued from the Seine, though in actual fact she never went near the river—buckets of water were poured over her.—Central Press Photo.

THEY KNOW NOT WHAT THEY HAVE ACHIEVED

Kyoto, Oct. 7.

Delegates to the 12th International conference of the Institute of Pacific Relations, today publicly completed their formal functions of discussing the raising of living standards in Asia, but privately wondered what exactly they had achieved in the conference room.

At the same time, while the International Institute was under fire in the United States, they also privately agreed that they would lay down their lives to defend the existence of the International Institute of Pacific Relations.

Comment heard from many delegates was "What can any international conference achieve." But some delegates would always add: "We have gained a lot from this conference."

The International I.P.R. is a private organisation which debates from its membership any national organisation connected with government or partisan sponsorship. It is formed from the representatives of political, academic and journalistic circles.

OPEN MINDS

With this background, delegates privately said the main function of the conference was "behind scenes." One Commonwealth delegate put it: "It provided a magnificent opportunity for the meeting of like minds—open minds—to discuss Asia, and therefore world problems."

The conference today summed up in a plenary session the third phase of the conference theme of raising living standards in Asia. Delegates will meet again tomorrow in a public session to ring the curtain down formally on the conference.

Before the conference began, the Steering Committee rejected the whole agenda to place the technical aspects of the conference theme at the top and as one Western delegate said, "sweep under the carpet the embarrassing question of Communism and the West's attitude to Communist China."

This had been earlier interpreted by many delegates as an attempt to keep the conference united. These delegates had expressed fears that recent domestic attacks on the United States I.P.R., the main contributor to international I.P.R. funds, might jeopardise the whole International I.P.R.

"TOO RESTRICTED"

Today, however, United States delegates, at least the conference agenda as "too restricted" and as

ignoring the main problem of attitudes to Communism.

Indian delegates, who with the Japanese were mainly responsible for redrafting the agenda, said the fundamental problem in Asia and in combating Communism was the declared conference theme—raising living standards.

On the other side, however, several United States delegates said they were impressed with the difference of attitude in Asian nations. One U.S. delegate said he had found Asian nations "more mature." They are "more willing to understand Western points of view, perhaps because after a few years of dealing with the problems themselves, they have been inclined to a more realistic attitude."

At the same time, these delegates found the outstanding future of the conference was, as one delegate said, "very real rivalry between India and Pakistan."

Delegates thought that rivalry over Kashmir, which was apparent during the conference, said they were impressed with the "idealistic" Asian policies over similar Communist versus anti-Communist rivalries in a wider sphere of the "cold war."

KEY POSITION

Western delegates said Japanese had taken the key position in the conference. They had the biggest delegation and were the host nation eager to impress new Japan on foreigners.

The United States delegates said the Japanese had shown "confusion and reticence" which makes it difficult to determine the true feelings of the Japanese people.

They added: "It is inconceivable that a country of energy, size and technical skill as Japan should be the passive factor in the Far Eastern situation."

Many non-United States delegates had expected Japan to be strong, free, and free in individual action. They had expected Japan to be a symbol of Asian resurgence, not as a symbol of Asian confusion, as the United States delegates had expected.

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LONDON DOCK STRIKE

Diverted Vessel 'Black Listed' In Welsh Port

London, Oct. 7.

There was no sign of Government intervention in the two London dock strikes today, but officials are keeping a close watch on developments.

More than 200 ships involving 26,000 workers were idle. The strikes have tied up exports worth \$1,000,000, prevented the unloading of vital food and raw materials and cost shipowners tens of thousands of pounds through shipping delays.

Both strikes—one involving the handling of cargoes, the other ship repair work—worsened today.

In the cargo strike, 3,500 more men joined the strikers, swelling the total to about 18,000.

In the ship repair strike, leaders of 16 unions meeting in Northern England, gave the strike their official support and voted strike pay for the 8,000 men involved.

OFFICIAL FIGURES

Official figures tonight showed that 130 vessels were tied up by the cargo strike and about 100 in the ship repair dispute.

There was no sign tonight of Government intervention in the dispute through the Minister of Labour, Sir Walter Monckton. But his officials were keeping a close watch on developments to advise ministerial action if the strike became a threat to London's food supplies.

Sir Walter Monckton did not take part in the Conservative Party's annual conference at Blackpool, Northern England. He stood by in London, ready to act as mediator if either the employers or the dockers sought his help.

EMBARGO

The British Transport Commission declared that it had placed an embargo on all goods consigned to the London docks by rail or road.

Fears were growing tonight that the strike would spread to other British ports.

Aquila Wants Aust. Freight Service

London, Oct. 8.

A British flying boat company, Aquila Airways Limited, today applied to the Air Transport Advisory Council here for permission to run a freight flying boat service to Australia.

The service, manned by Short-Solent flying boats, would run from Southampton to Perth with stops at Malta, Cyprus or Egypt, Bahrain or Kuwait, Karachi, Ceylon, Singapore and Sourabaya.

The application is for a 10-year licence. Services would start within three months of the date of approval.

Aquila Airways, Britain's only flying boat operators, runs flights to Madeira, the Canary Islands and Capri. Last February, the P. and O. group, the largest shipping operators on the Australian routes, bought a controlling interest in the airline.—Reuter.

BAT GALIM PROTEST

Cairo, Oct. 7.

Egypt has requested the United Nations Trusteeship Observation Commission to send one of its observers to investigate the Egyptian protest that the Israeli ship Bat Galim had illegally entered territorial waters and fired on Egyptian soil, causing injury to several persons; it was disclosed here today.

The United Nations Security Council is to meet next Thursday to examine the Israeli complaint against Egypt's seizure of the ship.—France-Press.

Moscow, Oct. 7.

A British Parliamentary and Trade Union delegation, led by Mr. Ellis Smith, arrived here by air today on their way to China, the Soviet, news agency, Tass, reported.—Reuter.

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Soviet Planes May Have Reached San Francisco

Washington, Oct. 7.

A new type of Soviet manufactured long-range reconnaissance aircraft may already have carried out "test" flights over Alaska and even reached San Francisco, according to an article published today in the magazine American Aviation.

This possibility, it said, was suggested by some intelligence reports which had been received. A member of the staff of the magazine said in reply to a question that the Russians would probably turn to diesel aircraft engines to achieve the long range which the United States has sought through aerial refuelling and the use of big aircraft such as the B-36.

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Citing sources "in contact with developments inside the Soviet Union," the article said the reconnaissance craft were modified bombers—the Tupolev TU-4, which was a Soviet copy of the American B-29, and the Mikoyan-Gurevich MiG-13.

It said the range of the TU-4 was 4,000 miles and the MiG-13 RD almost 9,000 miles.

The diesel engines were said to have been developed at the Moscow Khimko engine centre from the wartime German design, the JUMO 223 and 224. The engines had been in production at Komsomolsk, in Siberia, for more than 18 months.

The Soviet Union might be experimenting with in-flight refuelling of the TU-4 aircraft using tanker versions of the TU-4.

A Tupolev four-engine diesel power flying-boat and a swept-wing jet seaplane were also possibly destined for reconnaissance use. Both could be refuelled by tanker submarines, the article said.—Reuter.

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New Zealand Social Security Fund Will Be Self-Supporting By 1970

Auckland, N.Z., Oct. 7.
New Zealanders have had an agreeable surprise in connection with their Social Security Fund.
After being told by Mr Sidney Holland, the New Zealand Prime Minister, in July that £14,000,000 would have to be transferred from the Consolidated Fund to balance the Social Security Fund for the year to March 31, 1955, they have now learned that the Social Security Fund may be self-supporting before 1970.

Mr J.V.T. Baker, the deputy Government Statistician, made this "projection into the future"—not a prophecy or forecast—at a conference on the Welfare State organised by the Auckland branch of the Economic Society of Australia and New Zealand.

IMMIGRATION
He based his projections on an assumed population of 2,882,000, including an annual immigration of 5,000, by 1970—an increase of 20.3 per cent compared with 1954—with an increase of 30.5 per cent in the labour force.

Professor J. F. Northey, Professor of Law at Auckland University College, and Professor H. R. Rodwell, Associate Professor of Law at the College, said that Mr Baker's figures were conservative and would not be far off the mark.

The Leader of the Opposition, Mr Walter Nash, one of the architects of the Dominion's social security scheme, suggested to the conference that there was room for an extension of benefit.

He said that there was scope for further extension of medical benefits, so that medical attention would be quite free of charge. At present, the patient

pays one third of the doctor's fee.
Improvements in dental benefits, provided free for school children but not available to adults, could be made, he added, and some form of optical benefit introduced.
Mr L. N. Ross, a past President of the Auckland Chamber of Commerce, criticised the social welfare programme, declaring that there is an urgent need for an examination of all aspects of it by a Royal Commission.

FINANCE
He said that the scheme, financed mainly by a tax of 1s. 6d. in the pound on salaries, wages, unearned income and company profits, had no secure financial basis and in the absence of adequate reserves was unlikely to survive a period of economic stress.

Mr Ross suggested the abolition of age benefits and universal superannuation and the institution of a system of national insurance on the pattern of that in Britain.

Free medicine, he said, had proved extremely costly because of extravagance and waste. A small charge for all prescriptions, certainly the first, would be a major step towards placing

ing pharmaceutical benefits on a sounder basis.
The conference was arranged purely to discuss the future of the Welfare State and no decisions or recommendations were made.—China Mail Special.

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By Air
Formosa, Okinawa, Japan, Korea, Canada, 3 p.m.
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Malaya, Indonesia, Australia & New Zealand, 6 p.m.
By Surface
India, 3 p.m.
Australia, New Zealand, 5 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9
By Air
Japan, U.S.A. & Canada, 8 a.m.
Burma, 8 a.m.
Philippines, 9 a.m.
Japan & U.S.A., 6 p.m.
By Surface
Formosa, 8 a.m.
China, People's Republic, 9.30 a.m.
Thailand, 11 a.m.
Malaya, Ceylon, Aden, Middle East, Italy, Great Britain & Europe, 11 a.m.

Macao, 1.30 p.m.
India, China, 3 p.m.
Philippines, 3 p.m.
Burma, 3 p.m.
North Borneo, Rabaul, 5 p.m.
China, People's Republic, 6 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10
By Air
Formosa, Okinawa, Japan, Korea, 3 p.m.
Philippines, Guam, Hawaii, U.S.A., 3 p.m.
Philippines, N. Borneo, 6 p.m.
India, China, Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, Mauritius & S. Africa, 6 p.m.

"Nazi Morality" Of American Comics

London, Oct. 7.
American children's horror comics, now on sale in back-street bookshops in Britain, have come under the lash of a magazine editor.

Mr Kingsley Martin, editor of the left-wing weekly journal, *New Statesman and Nation*, attacked the "Nazi morality" portrayed in the comics and which was now being fed to English children.

"Can magistrates be persuaded that sadism and horror, especially when offered to children, may be properly included in any definition of obscenity?" Mr Martin demanded.

"Can British parents be roused to action in time before the vested interests in child seduction are too powerful?" Mr Martin was reviewing "Seduction of the Innocent," an American book by Dr. F. Wertham, who exposed the brutal sadism of American comics.

He declared: "Those who want the civilization of the West to be destroyed could not have imagined a subtler or swifter method of undermining it than to pervert a whole generation of children; to give them an immoral instead of a moral upbringing; to teach them that love is ugly, that brutality is manly, and that everything that Christ taught is 'Crisie'."

STEADY DETERIORATION
There was a steady deterioration in the reading capacity of American children and a high proportion of American adults who were now illiterate—"If illiterate means being unable to read anything more subtle than the words in the balloons of comics."

Describing Dr. Wertham's book as "terrifying," Mr Martin said the import of American comics was not allowed in this country but English publishers bought the matrices from America.

The most horrible and satirical types could be bought in the comic bookshops of London and other English towns. Respectable distributors had refused to stock them. But in practice bookstall managers frequently kept them under the counter.
(Representatives of 27,000 news agents decided at a Stratford-on-Avon meeting recently to campaign against the sale of American comics in Britain.)
Mr Martin said that Dr. Wertham was particularly convincing on the subject of Superman, supported "with ghastly logic" by Superboy and Wonder Woman.

NAZI IDEOLOGY
"His illustrations prove only too terribly that a Nazi ideology is being continuously and deliberately inculcated," he said.
"It is correct to inflict any kind of violence and torture on negroes, Chinese, 'ape men', Jews, Indians, Japs, Slavs and Wops."

"All these are shown in the comics as having 'irregular features, swarthy skins, physical deformities, while Superman is tall, blonde, regular featured and has at his side a young blonde girl with super-breasts (usually known as 'headlights')."

Americans who wanted to stop this vast perversion were defeated by two groups of opponents whose self-delusions and hypocrisies filled a large proportion of Dr. Wertham's book—the comic publishers and an apathetic public.

NAZI BUSINESS
The comic publishing business was immensely rich, well organized and entirely unscrupulous, pseudo-psychological experts daily repeated that "no evidence existed that comics harmed children."
Mr Martin commented: "To say that the comics have no effect on the children but merely fulfil their instinctive life, is exactly like saying that there is no harm in feeding your children on poison because they get to like it and therefore show what they instinctively need."

"Dr. Wertham is exactly right when he says, with the evidence of hundreds of unhappy neurotic children behind him, that 'the effect of the comic is not to remove aggressive tendencies in children but to remove their inhibitions.'"

One of the least "honest" arguments used for the comics was that they led on to interest in more serious literature.
By way of proof it was advanced that sometimes the world's great classics were used by comics. "King Lear, for instance, can be made into a comic book, it seems only if it contains a realistic picture of Gloucester having his eyes gouged out," Mr Martin said.

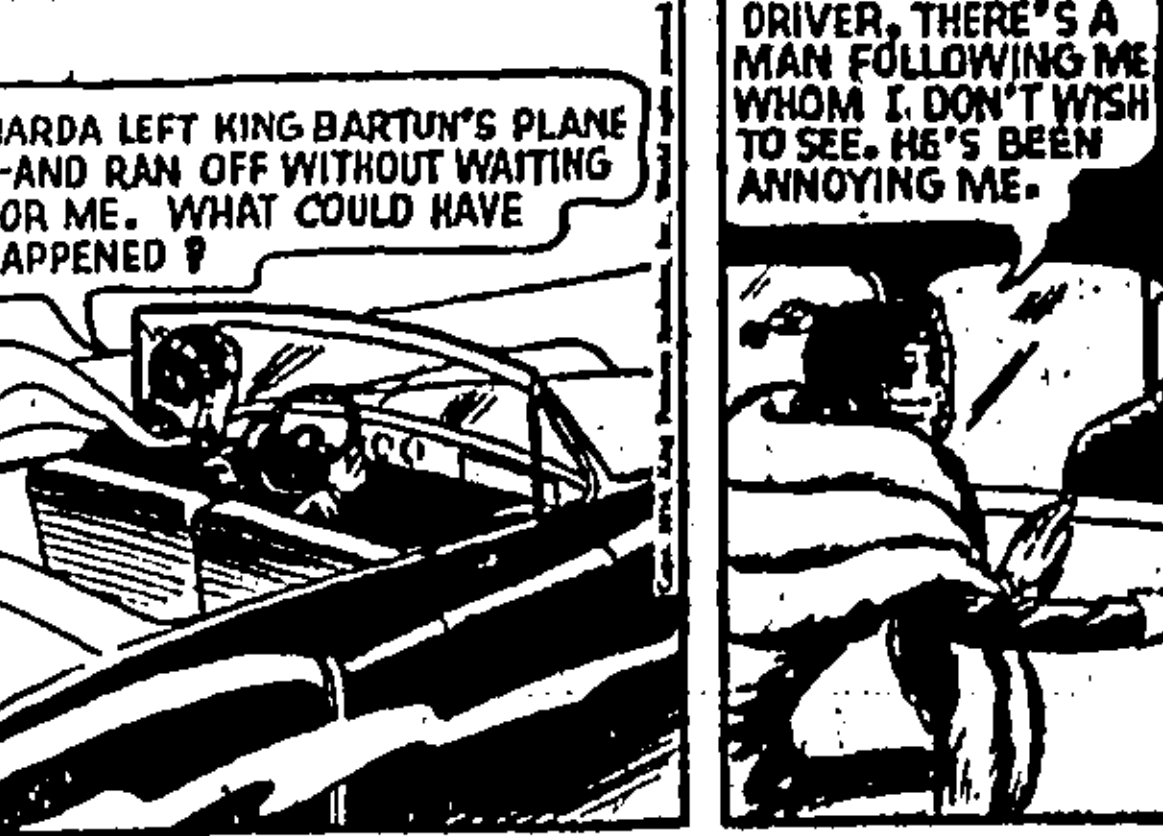
NO HARM DONE
Sadism was the most vicious sign of obscenity. No harm was done to society by teaching, even if somewhat irresponsibly, the beauty and happiness that might come from the sexual relations of men and women.
"In the West, commercial interests are allowed to cover our walls with an endless titillation of sexual appetite," he said. "This can be defended on the ground that the evils of obscenity are greater."

"But to apply this to children's book is senseless," China Mail Special.

Janet Jagan Starts Third Term
Governor, Oct. 7.
Janet Jagan, the American-born General-Secretary of the British Guiana People's Progressive Party, has been elected to a third term of office in the House of Representatives.

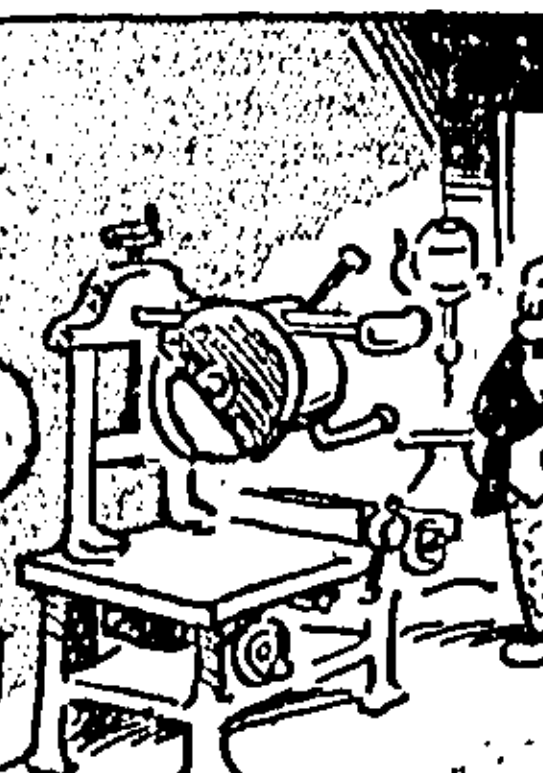
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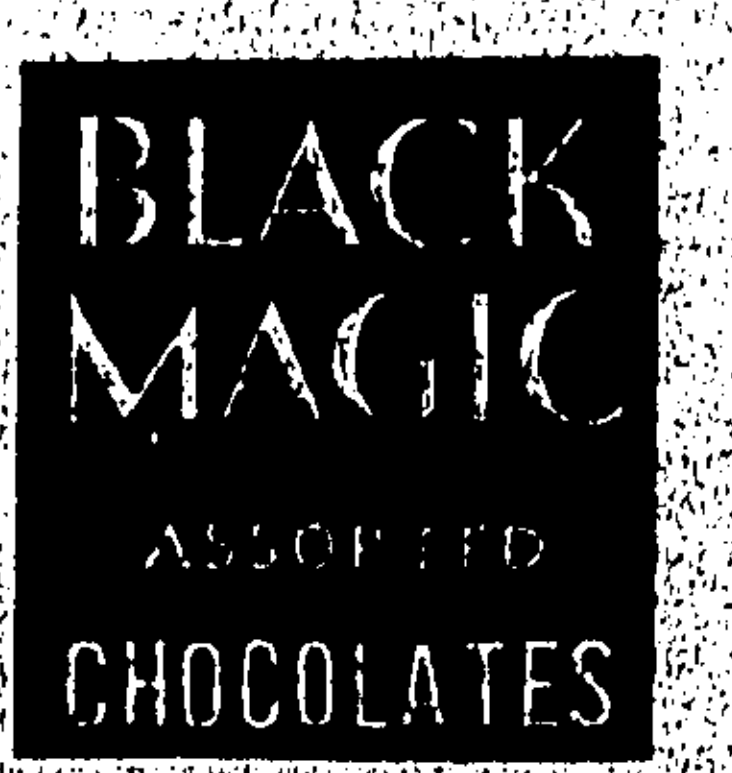
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